

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are presently pending. Claims 1-6 are rejected. Claims 7-12 are added.

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nallur. Claim 1 is amended to recite, among other limitations, "storing a first decoded reference picture from the group of pictures". Claim 4 is amended to recite, among other limitations, "one or more image buffers for storing a first, second, and third decoded reference picture from the group of pictures".

Although Examiner has indicated that Nallur teaches "storing a first reference picture from the group of pictures (Nallur: column 9, lines 55-65; column 10, lines 1-25)", Assignee respectfully submits that Nallur, Col. 9 Line 55 - Col. 10, Line 25 does not teach "storing a first decoded reference picture from the group of pictures". It is noted that "In step 301, the DHCT 200 receives an MPEG-2 stream from the headend 110 (Fig. 1) and then, in step 302, stores it in hard disk 201." Col. 9, Lines 57-59. Assignee respectfully submits that "storing a first decoded reference picture from the group of pictures" does not read on storing "MPEG-2 stream from the headend 110", because an "MPEG-2 stream from the headend 110" is encoded. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully submits that claims 1 and 4 as amended, as well as dependent claims 2, 3, and 5-12 are allowable.

Claim 7 is added and recites, among other limitations, "storing the first decoded reference picture while displaying the first one or more pictures in reverse from play order; storing the second decoded reference picture while displaying the second one

or more pictures in reverse from play order; and storing the third decoded reference picture while displaying the third one or more pictures in reverse from play order". Assignee respectfully submits that claim 7 is allowable because Nallur does not teach "storing the first decoded reference picture while displaying the first one or more pictures in reverse from play order; storing the second decoded reference picture while displaying the second one or more pictures in reverse from play order; and storing the third decoded reference picture while displaying the third one or more pictures in reverse from play order".

Claim 8 recites, among other limitations, "wherein the first decoded reference picture further comprises an entry point picture". Assignee respectfully submits that claim 8 is allowable because Nallur does not teach "wherein the first decoded reference picture further comprises an entry point picture".

Claim 9 recites, among other limitations, "wherein the first one or more pictures are decoded in the forward display order". Assignee respectfully submits that claim 9 is allowable because Nallur does not teach "wherein the first one or more pictures are decoded in the forward display order".

Claim 10 recites, among other limitations, "wherein the image buffer stores the first decoded reference picture while displaying the first one or more pictures in reverse from play order, stores the second decoded reference picture while displaying the second one or more pictures in reverse from play order and stores the third decoded reference picture while displaying the third one or more pictures in reverse from play order". Assignee respectfully

submits that claim 10 is allowable because Nallur does not teach "wherein the image buffer stores the first decoded reference picture while displaying the first one or more pictures in reverse from play order, stores the second decoded reference picture while displaying the second one or more pictures in reverse from play order and stores the third decoded reference picture while displaying the third one or more pictures in reverse from play order".

Claim 11 recites, among other limitations, "wherein the first decoded reference picture further comprises an entry point picture". Assignee respectfully submits that claim 11 is allowable because Nallur does not teach or fairly suggest "wherein the first decoded reference picture further comprises an entry point picture".

Claim 12 recites, among other limitations, "wherein the first one or more pictures are decoded in the forward display order". Assignee respectfully submits that claim 12 is allowable because Nallur does not teach or fairly suggest "wherein the first one or more pictures are decoded in the forward display order".

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner pass this case to issuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for any actions requested herein to deposit account no 13-0017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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